

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes - Town Hall, 116 Main Road

January 8, 2013 7:00 pm

Present: Alan Wilcox, Christopher Johnson, Leslie Beebe, Molly Curtin-Schaefer

Previous minutes were approved and signed. The mail was read.
The Treasury warrants were approved. Birthday cards were signed.

The Town of Otis is constructing a wind turbine at William Stone. Larry Gould gave the Board a report on the energy power that the Town of Otis will be selling starting later this year. Otis can only sell to municipalities due to Dept. of Public Utilities regulations.(PPA) Power Purchasing Agreements - More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

John Curtin, Jr retired December 12, 2012 from the Town of Lee Highway Dept. John submitted his resignation to the board as of January 2, 2013 from the Town Clerk position. Chris Johnson made a motion to re-appoint John Curtin, Jr as Town Clerk, Alan Wilcox seconded, no opposition. The Board will inquire about having posted hours in his office and also having him write out dog licenses.

Christopher Johnson made a motion that the Town will use the Federal Mileage rate. For 2013 the rate is .55.5 per mile. Alan Wilcox seconded, no opposition.

BUILDING COMMITTEE - Matt Puntin, Katha Rambusch, Maggie Howard, and Richard Loring attended the meeting. The latest work Mike Kulig has performed is on the Ken McIntosh land and not on the "transfer station" property. The Town property in that area is not usable. The building committee is going to send out letters asking property owners if they have any land to sell to the Town for a new highway garage. They are going to compile a list of names that Katha will directly contact by phone to see about property to build a new highway garage. They will report back to the Selectmen.

HIGHWAY DEPT:

Les to outline what the needs of each road in Town are as far as culverts, drainage, paving, grading etc. He should also list estimates and costs. This information will allow each road to have a cost estimate for repaving and or repairs for the next several years. It was discussed that the Town Road budgets need to be increased based on these evaluations. Mimi will print out the data from each road that is compiled weekly from time cards.

The Town backhoe is 11 years old and needs replacing. The grader is also going to have to be replaced. We are looking into surplus equipment thru the government.

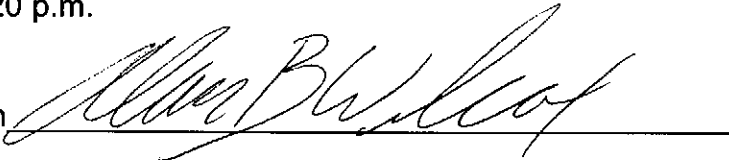
Town Counsel has advised the Board that Cooper Town Road stops at the intersection of Ridge Street and Cooper Town Road. It actually crosses Ridge Street and continues thru the woods. Molly to contact William DeSantis and Steven Cohen to let them know the Town will maintain Cooper Town Road and not the portion of Ridge Street as it is a private road.

Suzanne Delmolino has secured a loan of \$85,000.00 for the new highway truck thru Berkshire Bank for a rate of 1.75 %. Conditions of the loan will be one payment annually and two interest payments for 5 years.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Jake McCandless and the School Board will attend the next meeting and address the security measures that have been taken in light of the New Town CT, shootings. The board will see if the Lee Public Schools need any safety measures from the Town as we can provide that thru our Police Department.

Meeting Adjourned 9:20 p.m.

Alan Wilcox, Chairman



Peter Curtin, Clerk ABSENT

Christopher Johnson, Member

